

## Today's News - September 16, 2005

A British take on New York's architectural renaissance and adventurous design. – Chicago's endangered architectural treasures. – "Politics has triumphed, and Sydney is the loser" in decision to dump green belt strategy. – Australia plagued by a "lawless" building industry. – Bold designs to choose from for Edmonton museum expansion. – A call to let architects be bold. – Flight 93 memorial designer is disappointed with "misinterpretation and a simplistic distortion," but "somewhat optimistic" about changes. – New ballpark is a "dollop of real design innovation into baseball's wrongheaded fixation with nostalgia." – Taliesin teardown creates "anxiety and confusion" for Toronto fellowship arrangement. – London dance troupe gets a new HQ. – Getty Villa (finally) ready for its close-up. – Lahore establishes city museum in historic building. – California Academy of Sciences dons a 2.5-acre undulating green roof. – Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction's European winners announced (the rest of the world later). – Swiss architectural teaching to be explored in San Francisco. – Marcel Janko (the architect) Bauhaus Center gallery in Tel Aviv.

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[High hopes: Four years on, there is an architectural renaissance in New York that would have been difficult to imagine in the weeks that followed 9/11...once again becoming a city where adventurous architecture can happen. -- Forster; Gehry; Calatrava; Meier; Pelli; Libeskind; Childs. High Line; etc.- Financial Times \(UK\)](#)

[Preservation's call to arms: Some of the Chicago area's most important architectural treasures are in danger...they may soon be altered beyond all recognition or completely demolished. By Kevin Nance- Chicago Sun-Times](#)

[Editorial: Urban planning goes awry again: State Government's decision to dump...its green belt strategy for two big suburban regions...is a setback for attempts to manage the way the metropolitan area develops. Politics has triumphed, and Sydney is the loser.- Sydney Morning Herald](#)

[Building industry 'lawless': ...plagued by a culture of civil disobedience, coercion, intimidation, threatening behaviour and contempt for the law...Building Industry Taskforce...will be replaced by a new Australian Building and Construction Commission \(ABCC\)- Sydney Morning Herald](#)

[Jury weighs four bold designs: Which of world's top architects is about to change the face of downtown Edmonton? ...\[with\] \\$40-million expansion to the Edmonton Art Gallery -- Randall Stout; Will Alsop; Zaha Hadid; Arthur Erickson- The Edmonton Journal \(Canada\)](#)

[Opinion: We must let architects be bold: ...a decidedly urban, unabashedly European feel...Pratt Hill is a model to which other new developments should aspire. By William Morgan -- Friedrich St. Florian- Providence Journal \(Rhode Island\)](#)

[Architect Offers Changes to 9/11 Flight 93 Memorial "Crescent of Embrace": Paul Murdoch said he is "somewhat optimistic" that the spirit of the design could be maintained. "It's a disappointment there is a misinterpretation and a simplistic distortion of this..."- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Ballpark of a Future Past: The new A's ballpark in Oakland may inject a dollop of real design innovation into baseball's wrongheaded fixation with nostalgia. -- Brad Schrock/360 Architecture- SF Weekly \(San Francisco\)](#)

[Taliesin teardown ruffles feathers: Toronto student's project at center of controversy: ...has brought anxiety and confusion to the Toronto fellowship arrangement, but has not ended it. -- Joy Charbonneau \[image\]- Arizona Republic](#)

[Rambert Dance Company to build new HQ in Upper Ground -- Allies and Morrison \[image\]- London SE1](#)

[Getty Villa's renovations nearly done: Eight years after closing for \[\\$275-million\] renovation and five years later than planned...almost ready to meet the public. -- Machado and Silvetti Associates; Denis L. Kurutz; korrandolph- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Lahore City Museum to be established in Tollington Market: The historic 141-year-old building has been restored completely -- Sajjad Kausar; Kamil Khan Mumtaz; Nayyer Ali Dada \[image\]- Daily Times \(Pakistan\)](#)

[Green roof for a green museum: California Academy of Sciences will be a growing concern in more ways than one: ...hearty plants will make up the new building's entire roof, a 2.5-acre undulating, self-sustaining cover. -- Renzo Piano; Gordon Chong \[image\]- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction - Europe competition winners announced - Centola & Associati; Ingenhoven Architekten; J. Mayer H. \[links to images\]- Holcim Foundation](#)

["Inventioneering Architecture" exhibition and lecture series on Swiss architectural teaching at California College of the Arts \(CCA\), San Francisco, October 3-27 -- swissnex-Architecture Radio](#)

[Janko the architect: "Marcel Janko - Inter-Disciplinary Artist: His Planning and Architectural Work" at the Bauhaus Center gallery in Tel Aviv...a presentation of architectural works known only to a few, even in art and architecture circles. By Esther Zandberg- Ha'aretz \(Israel\)](#)

[Op-Ed: Modern Ironies: Notes on Losing the Bunshaft's Travertine House \(1963\). By Kenneth Caldwell \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)

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[-- Under construction: Gehry & Partners: Marques de Riscal Winery, Elciego, Spain](#)  
[-- Book: "NOX: Machining Architecture," by Lars Spuybroek](#)

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